

**Claim 10:** Line 1, change "any one of claims 6 to 9" to  
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**Claim 17:** Line 1, change "any one of claims 13 to 16" to  
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**Claim 19:** Line 1, change "any one of claims 13 to 18" to  
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**Claim 20:** Line 2, change "any one of claims 13 to 19" to  
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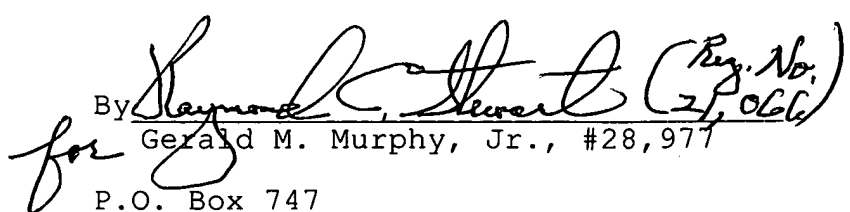
**REMARKS**

The specification has been amended to provide a cross-reference to the previously filed International Application. The claims have also been amended to delete the improper multiple dependencies and to place the application into better form for examination. Entry of the present amendment and favorable action on the above-identified application are respectfully requested.

If necessary, the Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies, to charge payment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 02-2448 for any additional fees required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.16 or under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17; particularly, extension of time fees.

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